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MEMORANDUM FOR: Division and Staff Chiefs, Economic Area

FROM : Deputy Chief, Economic Research

SUBJECT : Delineation of Functions among Economic Intelligence, Scientific Intelligence, and Technical Intelligence

1. The old, old question has come up again with respect to the delineation of functions among economic intelligence, scientific intelligence, and technical intelligence.

2. I have drafted a proposed definition of economic intelligence, scientific intelligence, and technical intelligence. I would appreciate it if you would give this your careful consideration and make any changes that you deem necessary.

3. Please let me have your comments by c.o.b. tomorrow.

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1 Attachment

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Attachment A

Proposed Definition of Economic Intelligence, Scientific Intelligence,
and Technical Intelligence

Intelligence is information concerning foreign countries correlated and evaluated in terms of capabilities, vulnerabilities, and intentions.

Economic intelligence is that part of the general body of knowledge called intelligence, which pertains to the earning, distributing, and using of wealth and income, public and private; as, the natural resources, human resources, agriculture, industry, commerce, finance, and so forth.

Scientific intelligence is that part of economic intelligence which pertains to research and development in the field of the physical sciences; as, the type and quality of scientific research being undertaken by the scientific research institutions, private and public, of a country, up to and including the prototype and pilot plant stage of developments.

Technical intelligence is that part of scientific intelligence which pertains to the performance characteristics of mechanical devices or products; as, the speed and rate of climb of an aeroplane, the effectiveness of an atomic explosive charge, the persistence or non-persistence of a chemical agent, and so forth.

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